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I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for the recent release of PEN detainees, and express my hopes that all of the hundreds of remaining political prisoners can be returned to their homes and families.

In particular, I would like to ask your personal intercession in the case of Hugo Raul Elizaga. It is my understanding that Mr. Elizaga was arrested by security forces in 1975, and tried and acquitted in January of 1976. In spite of his acquittal he is still being held. Mr. Elizaga has obtained certificates of acceptability from the U.S., the United Kingdom, and Sweden, and yet he has been denied his right of option. I would respectfully request that Mr. Elizaga be granted his right of option, since he has never been known to have used or advocated violence, and has been acquitted of the charges initially leveled against him.

Again, I welcome the changes that your government has made in the area of human rights, and welcome the time that further improvements can be made, thus restoring to Argentina full relations with the international community.

Respectfully,

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and International Organizations

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